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1. Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney signed by the inventor(s) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63 (*3 separate documents containing 4 pages each for a total of 12 pages*)
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